My Dad was a Doctor, a good doctor, a loving doctor, a dedicated doctor. I did a blog on him one Father's Day. Shortly thereafter, I received this reply. It says much more than I can say about him.

Your dad Dr. R. Dean Dooley saved my life on February 21,1956 at Miami Valley Hospital.

He had previously delivered three healthy sons to my parents but for months Mom was ill and having "female problems" that went on so long she consulted another physician who said Mom needed a hysterectomy.

Since three boys were already more than she could handle; at age 28 she consented to the operation and checked into Miami Valley for surgery the following day.

Dr, Dooley just so happened to be in the hospital and stopped by to see Mom and pray with her before surgery in the morning.

But I was told by my aunt; who was in the hospital room; that Dr. Dooley seemed troubled and asked my Mom if he could perform and examine on her becuase he thought Mom looked ths same way when she was pregnant the other three times.

Mom consented but was certain she could not be pregnant.

At 11:26pm your Dad brought me into the world slightly premature but a healthy 6.15 lbs. I have always known he was my guardian angel.

I didn't get a chance to tell him in person but I know he hears me!

Thank you Dr. Dooley. You did the right thing.

Sincerely

Dr. Debora Heflin